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MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
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AGRO INDUSTRIES IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to launch a pilot project to promote agro industries, particularly in the rural areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether matching marketing facilities are likely to be provided as part of the project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by when the project is likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER oF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a): No, Sir. However, the Government (in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) has proposed to introduce a new scheme titled "Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme" (PMEGP), by merging the existing credit-linked subsidy scheme of Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) with another credit-linked subsidy scheme titled Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP). People from rural as well as urban areas of the country are proposed to be benefited under this proposed scheme. Under this scheme, financial assistance in the form of subsidy/ margin money is to be provided for setting up of units costing up to Rs. 25 lakh with increased levels of subsidy for smaller value projects and those taken up by beneficiaries belonging to marginalized sections of society. The scheme has been proposed to be implemented through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), State/Union Territory Khadi and Village Industries Boards (KVIBs) and District Industries Centres (DICs) of State Government.

(b) to (e): Do not arise.